

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1211 - HB 1298

March 13, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines “wireless communication” to include text messages sent and received on smart devices for the purpose of anti-phishing regulation under the *Consumer Protection Act of 1977 (the Act)*.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-18-5203(a), it is unlawful for a person to represent themselves to be another person, without the authorization from such other person, through the Internet, electronic mail messages, or any other electronic means, including wireless communication.
- Clarifying that wireless communication includes text messages sent and received on smart devices will not result in any additional anti-phishing violations under *the Act*.
- No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- No significant impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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